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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 7004

SATO et al.

Art Unit: 1765.

Application No.: 09/987,463

Examiner: R. Kunemund

Filed: November 14, 2001

Atty. Dkt. No.: 107242-09013

For: QUARTZ GLASS CRUCIBLE FOR PULLING UP SILICON SINGLE
CRYSTAL AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the U.S. PTO
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 25, 2004

Sir:

Applicant(s) petition for an extension of time for one-month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 3, 2003 from February 3, 2004 to March 3, 2004.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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